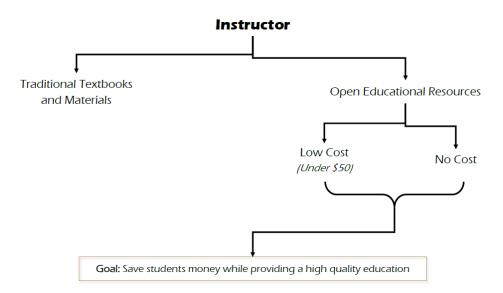# *"OER" Guide Handout – Defining Goals, Definitions and Updates*

Current Focus/Goal -- OER education and how OER can be used to design and market courses.

New Focus/Goal -- The team assessed that our goals were associated more with the <u>cost</u> of classes and not merely focused on <u>OER</u>. Therefore, OER becomes a tool, along with Open Access and Alternative Resources, to achieve our goals (cost) and not the goal itself. The map below demonstrates our proposed approach and aligns with an end product that demonstrates our focus on reduction or elimination of a materials cost for students.

Definitions for resources beyond traditional textbooks: – OER, Open Access, or Alternative (definitions below):

🐾 **Open Educational Resources**
"Open Education Resources are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the creative commons and/or public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their use and repurposing by others. OER may include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests…used to support access to knowledge."

🐾 **Open Access Resources**
"The free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment."

🐾 **Alternative Resources and Materials**
Instructor has acquired permissions and/or self-authored materials.

UPDATES:
🐾 Development of Guide / Progress
   o ADA / Library Resources

FUTURE PLANNING:
🐾 Marketing of OER courses (work with PR Office)
🐾 Process and Structure for "OER Course Review"
🐾 Grant Research (work with Grants Office)
🐾 Complete "OER" Courses or Degree (Pathway)
🐾 Professional Development (work with Jenna Wornkey)